

HOUSE RESOLUTION 301

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of George Joseph Walls,
Sr., of Wartburg.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of George Joseph Walls, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, George Walls was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walls was born in Wheat on September 5, 1929; he became a beloved member of the Wartburg community, having enriched the lives of all he encountered; and

WHEREAS, with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism, George Walls proudly served in the United States military during World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, George Walls served with acumen and alacrity as a railroad inspector for the Public Service Commission, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he offered his time and abilities to a host of other organizations, including Plateau Electric and Plateau Utility Board, Boy Scouts of America, and the Jaycees; he also proudly served as the Chairman of the Morgan County Democratic Party for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walls was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason with the Emerald Lodge 377 in Wartburg and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters and the Kerbela Shriners; and

WHEREAS, an avid horseman who always wanted to give back to his community, George Walls organized horse shows and trail rides in order to raise significant funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, known as "Joe" and "Papa Joe" to loved ones, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, George Walls will be fondly remembered by his daughter, Joni Lovegrove; his sons, Robert Walls, Wayne Walls, and George Joseph Walls, Jr.; his siblings, Howard Walls, Clayton Walls, Katherine Kittrell, Thelma McMahan, and Steve Walls; his sisters-in-law, Peggy Walls and Eloise Walls; his ten grandchildren; his ten great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walls was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Jo Walls; his parents, Clifton and Maude Walls; and his brothers, J.D. Walls, Wayne Walls, Paul Walls, Ralph Walls, Frank Walls, and Rex Walls; and

WHEREAS, George Walls leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of George Joseph Walls, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Walls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.